

Washington, DC- Today, the U.S. House of Representatives progressed on its agenda for the First 100 Hours by passing H.R. 3, The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act. This bill authorizes the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) to conduct and support research involving stem cells that have been derived in compliance with the strict ethical requirements of the act.

Congressman Charles Gonzalez issued the following statement on the passage of The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act: "As America's scientists discover more about disease development and how the body can repair itself, we come closer to finding treatments and cures for people with a host of devastating diseases and chronic conditions. There are many avenues of research including stem cell research that show great promise. We should not limit the potential of our scientists to explore this and other types of research that may one day lead to better treatments and cures for individuals who suffer from spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's, and other conditions. Instead, we must invest and commit to accelerating this promising research that include but is not limited to stem cell research, in an effort to combat some of the most debilitating diseases and health conditions in America.

I support the passage of this bill and I am confident that with this research we will someday be able to alleviate the pain and suffering of so many American families."

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